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(SBU) On February 14, A/DCM delivered reftel points on the key outcomes and details of the February 13 agreement reached at the Six Party Talks to Cho Byung-jae, Director-General for the North America Affairs Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. A/DCM emphasized that it was important to build on the U.S.-ROKG coordination that helped achieve progress at the Six Party Talks. Cho agreed and noted that Foreign Minister Song valued his close and frequent consultations with Secretary Rice. The February 13 agreement was just the beginning of a long road to the denuclearization of North Korea that would require full USG-ROK coordination, Cho said.

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